(b) The case is under investigation by the Central Bureau of Investigation and the details are not available.

(c) Action will be taken against erring individuals, if found guilty.

Accident insurance of rail passengers

†2620. DR. A.K. PATEL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to formulate any scheme to provide accident Insurance for rail passengers travelling in all the classes; and

(b) whether an amount ranging from Rs. 1 to Rs. 10 on account of accident insurance be printed and charged from passengers according to class of travel, while issuing the ticket?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) Rail passenger insurance scheme is in existence on Zonal Railways w.e.f. 1.8.1994 to provide accident insurance for Rail passengers travelling in all the classes.

(b) No, Sir.

Fare competition before the railways

†2621. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the recent cut in fares by various airlines in the country has created the crisis of competition before the Railways;

(b) if so, the approximate loss to be suffered by the railways on account of the fare cut by various airlines;

(c) whether Government have taken any steps to cope with the situation; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

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